2. Letter No. C. 438-15, dated 25th November 1939, from the Senior Surgeon in Mysore, stating that consequent on the resignation of one Mr. D. V. Halappa, Vice-President, Birur Municipality, and the succession of Mr. K. M. Basappa, one of the members of the Board of Visitors, appointed as per Government Order, read above, as Vice-President, a vacancy has arisen on the Board of Visitors of the Local Fund Dispensary, and recommending in the circumstances explained, that Mr. R. Sitaramiah, Municipal Councillor, be appointed in the vacancy.

ORDER NO. G. 5230-3—MED. 130-39-4, DATED BANGALORE, THE 11TH DECEMBER 1939.

The recommendation of the Senior Surgeon is approved.

P. H. KRISHNA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
Development Department.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT

Letter of Credit System in the Public Works Department.

ORDER NO. FL. 3272-3342—G. F. 203-39-1, DATED BANGALORE, THE 7TH DECEMBER 1939.

Under the existing arrangement obtaining in the Public Works Department, the executive (Disbursing) officers are themselves charged with the responsibility of taking steps to see that the expenditure on works is kept within the limits of budget grants. In practice, however, it is found that large excesses are incurred year after year and the present arrangement of permitting pass orders to be encashed in treasuries without restrictions has resulted in excesses over budget grants also being incurred.

2. Measures have now become necessary that would at least ensure that the total budget grant allowed to a division is not permitted to be exceeded by an unrestricted drawal from treasuries without limit. Primarily, two definite objects require to be secured—

(*i*) to see that the Public Works Administration properly enforces the financial responsibility of its spending officers to avoid excesses over grants; and

(*ii*) that such excesses, when they do occur even over the total grants, are not allowed to go unnoticed and that prompt action is taken to regularise such expenditure.

3. In the circumstances, Government consider that the introduction of the system of Letter of Credit should be tried as an experimental measure in respect of two divisions for the present.

4. The Public Accounts Committee of 1937-38, which examined the matter, have also favoured the desirability of the initiation of such an arrangement and have suggested its adoption in a few selected divisions to start with.

5. Government are accordingly pleased to direct that the Letter of Credit system be introduced for the present in two divisions—Buildings Division, Bangalore, and the Headquarters Range, Mysore —with effect from 1st January 1940.

6. The currency of the Letter of Credit will be one half-year, and the unspent balance relating to the first half-year may be permitted to be utilised during the second half of the same year.

7. The amount of the Letter of Credit may be fixed by the Comptroller in consultation with the Chief Engineer, with due regard to the appropriations available for the several works to be taken up by the divisions under the several sources, such as the Irrigation Cess Fund, the Railway Cess Fund, the District Fund, Donations, Contributions, etc. Under Donations and Contributions, if the Executive Engineer or the Divisional Officer expects any great variation, he may

write to the Comptroller in good time beforehand, and the latter officer will, after scrutiny, arrange to enhance the Letter of Credit and advise the treasury accordingly.

8. The Comptroller is requested to work out the further necessary details in the matter. The system will be on trial for a period of two years from 1st January 1940. The Comptroller will review the arrangement and submit a report on its working at the end of the period.

A. N. RAGHAVACHAR,
Secretary to Government,
Financial Department.

Revises the Limit of Casual Leave.

ORDER NO. FL. 3515-75, DATED BANGALORE, THE 13TH DECEMBER 1939.

Government direct that compensation leave now granted under Article 157, Mysore Service Regulations, be done away with, and that the limit of casual leave that may be granted under Article 151, Mysore Service Regulations, be raised from 15 to 20 days in a calendar year. This order will have effect from 1st January 1940. Necessary correction slips to the Mysore Service Regulations will issue separately.

A. N. RAGHAVACHAR,
Secretary to Government,
Financial Department.

PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARIAT

Acquisition of Land.

READ—

Government Order No. P. W. 2094-6—10957-9, dated the 19th January 1931, sanctioning the acquisition of certain lands in Bommasandra Village, Bagepalli Taluk, required for extending Settikere-Dattikere Tank, Bagepalli Taluk.

2. Letter No. A6. C.-1066—39-40, dated the 7th November 1939, from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, stating that the Survey number actually acquired is 37 and not 38, and requesting approval to change Survey No. 38 noted in the Government Order to Survey No. 37.

ORDER NO. P. W. 2070-2—S., DATED BANGALORE,
THE 27TH NOVEMBER 1939.

Approved.

N. SARABHOJA,
Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

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